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SUBJ: SOVIET-ISRAELI RELATIONS

REF: ABU DHABI 0072

1. AT RECEPTION JANUARY 22, DURING DISCUSSION OF  
CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH PRAVDA  
DEPUTY FOREIGN EDITOR BOL'SHAKOV, EMBOFF NOTED REPORTS  
SHORTLY BEFORE OCTOBER WAR THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD  
SOON REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND  
ASKED WHAT SITUATION IS NOW. WITHOUT COMMENTING ON  
THOSE REPORTS, BOL'SHAKOV SAID HIT FIRST WAS IMPORTANT  
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FOR ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH ARAB NATIONS.

ASKED WHETHER THIS IS PRERQUISITE FOR USSR-ISRAEL RELATIONS, BOL'SHAKOV ANSWERED, WITH OLD SAW THAT USSR WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO RECONGIZE THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

2. WE CONCLUDE FROM BOL'SHAKOV'S DUSTY ANSWER ONLY THAT PROPAGANDA ORGANS HAVE RECEIVED NO WARNING ABOUT ANY IMMINENT CHANGE OF LINE REGARDING SOVIET RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT SOVIETS WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ISRAELIES AT THIS TIME SOLELY ON BASIS OF DISENGAGEMENT. SOVIETS HAVE PUBLICLY PLAYED DOWN SIGNIFICANCE OF DISENGAGEMENT AND ARE TOUTING LINE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT ONLY IF PROGRESS IS MADE ON ROOT CAUSES OF ME CRISIS. FURTHERMORE, PRESENT MOMENT, WHEN SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS MAY BE AT DELICATE STAGE (REFTEL), SEEMS AN UNLIKELY ONE FOR SOVIETS TO MAKE A DRAMTIC REVERSAL IN POLICY ON ISRAEL. WE WOULD CERTAINLY NOT EXCLUDE, HOWEVER, SOVIET PURSUIT OF EXPANED CONTACTS WITH ISRAELIS IN GENEVA OR ELSEWHERE.DUBS

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